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END OF JANUARY 1984 - HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE

ALF activists attacked the home of Phillip Rogers who is a Director of Hazelton Laboratories where painful experiments are carried out. Slogans were painted on his house, the front windows were broken and paint stripper was poured over his two new cars. Damage was estimated at £1,000.

Mr. Rogers, a mass murderer of 100,000 animals, made a statement to a local paper saying, "We are proud to take part in a highly socially desirable activity".

THROUGHOUT JANUARY & FEBRUARY 1984 - HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE

A total of 12 fur shop windows were broken in a series of attacks carried out by ALF activists.

7 FEBRUARY 1984 - WIGAN, LANCASHIRE

During a demonstration against a battery farm, 2 hens were rescued from their cramped cages by Animal Rights activists who invaded one of the units. The hens are now in good homes where they are being kept in free range conditions.

9 FEBRUARY 1984 - BOURNEMOUTH

ALF activists broke the window of Arfin Limited, a leading Kosher butcher in the town. The slogan "Bled to death" was painted on the shop and total damage was estimated at £1,200.

10 FEBRUARY 1984 - WORTHING, SUSSEX

ALF activists continued their campaign when over £1,000 worth of damage was caused to two butchers shops and another shop involved in animal abuse. The windows of all 3 shops were smashed, one of which was caused by a kirbstone being hurled through it. In this latest attack the words 'Meat is Murder' and 'ALF' were sprayed over the front door.

11 FEBRUARY 1984 - LEEDS, WEST YORKSHIRE

ALF activists caused considerable damage when they set fire to five empty breeding sheds at a pheasant farm.

12 FEBRUARY 1984 - HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE

A newly-formed group of ALF activists returned to Whitehead & Sons fur shop in Montpelier Parade, Harrogate and promptly smashed their display window (again).

MID-FEBRUARY 1984 - HULL, HUMBERSIDE

For the third time in three months, ALF activists attacked a Hull furriers. The manageress arrived at "Leatherworld" to find "ALF" had been daubed across the front window in red paint.

MID-FEBRUARY 1984 - BIGNOR HILL, WEST SUSSEX

ALF activists were responsible for daubing anti-hunt slogans on the grave and memorial stone of a West Sussex huntsman. Mr. James Wentworth-Fitzwilliam was a well-known local huntsman who had been secretary of the Cowdray Hounds, secretary of the British Field Sports Society and Master of the Foxhounds Association. "Rot in Hell", "Hunting is Cruel" and "ALF" had been daubed in white paint in protest at this animal abuser's lifelong desecration of wildlife.

16 FEBRUARY 1984 - WANSTEAD, EAST LONDON

Shops in Wanstead High Street were the target of ALF activists. Several butcher's shops were sprayed with paint, security locks were jammed with superglue and stickers and posters were glued to the windows calling for "Direct action against all animal abuse".

17 FEBRUARY 1984 - GLASGOW and EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

ALF activists from Glasgow and Edinburgh got together and organised a joint attack against various animal abusers in both cities. In Edinburgh 10 shops had their windows broken, including butchers, fur shops and country sports shops.

In Glasgow 9 shops had windows broken, locks glued and slogans sprayed on walls and windows with red paint. They included fur shops, pet shops, butchers and a country sports shop. A long-term campaign against such shops is now well underway and groups on both sides of Scotland intend to keep up the pressure.

19 FEBRUARY 1984 - GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN

An ALF activist group, Djurens Befrielse, attacked the premises of 5 fur shops. The locks were jammed with filler and was the first action by this group in Sweden. Further attacks are planned for the future.

19 FEBRUARY 1984 - KETTERING, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Damage estimated at £3,000 was carried out at a Kettering fur shop. The damage was done after ALF activists had thrown a brick through the window of the shop, London Furriers, and then sprayed red paint on fur coats.

20 FEBRUARY 1984 - COURT OF APPEAL, LONDON

Seven animal rights campaigners, who had been sent to prison or detention, won sentence reductions in the Court of Appeal.

The London Chief Justice sitting with two other top judges, said that the sentences imposed on the activists by Judge Watling at Chelmsford Crown Court on 3 June last year were too long.

The 7 were among a number of people tried after a St. Valentine's Day raid by the ALF on the Life Science Research Centre at Stock, Near Chelmsford, Essex in 1982. £76,000 worth of damage was caused to the laboratories and animals were rescued.

STEVE BOULDING - Had been sentenced to 15 months jail, had his prison term cut to 9 months which led him to be immediately released.

STEVE DAVIS - Had his 6 months sentence cut to 3 months, but as he had been on bail pending appeal, he was sent back to prison to complete the 3 month sentence and is due to be released at the end of March.

PETER SALES - Had been sentenced to 6 months imprisonment and was on bail pending appeal. Had a 60 day jail sentence substituted which he had already served whilst waiting for bail to be granted.

BRENDAN DELANEY - Was sentenced to 4 months detention and was also on bail pending appeal. Had an order of 150 hours community service substituted.

MARK CORSINI - Sentenced to 4 months detention (also on bail) but was given 200 hours community service instead.

LINDA HARMAN & CHRISTOPHER DAVIS - Each sentenced to 21 days detention (both on bail). Each had a 12 months conditional discharge substituted.

RANDY BURROUGHS - Was on bail pending appeal against a 3 months prison sentence; did not have the sentence reduced and therefore had to return to prison. Happily however he has now been released earlier than expected owing to a mistake by the prison authorities. The Home Office have confirmed that because of this error, his sentence has been quashed and there is no danger of his being returned to prison.

Total fines and costs arising from this case amount to several thousand pounds. Any donations should be sent to Operation Valentine Defence Fund, c/o ALF.

20 FEBRUARY 1984 - TROLLHATTAN, SWEDEN

In another attack carried out by Djurens Befrielse a fur shop and gun shop had their locks jammed with filler and chewing gum. The fur shop was also daubed with "Päls är Mord" (Fur Means Murder) in red paint. Members of this group paid a return visit to the 5 fur shops which had been the subject of a previous attack on the 19 February. The locks of these shops with the addition of a further fur shop were filled with chewing gum.

20 FEBRUARY 1984 - ZURICH, SWITZERLAND

Members of an ALF group walked into the Immunology Research Department at Zurich University and rescued 5 mice.

20 FEBRUARY 1984 - KRISTIANSTAD, SWEDEN

ALF activists were responsible for an attack on a fur shop, "Pamir Pals" in Kristianstad, southern Sweden. The words 'Murder' and 'Fur Murder' were sprayed on the windows and surrounding pavements in large green letters. The local police inspector felt that this attack had been result of The Animals Film which was shown on Swedish TV recently.

21 FEBRUARY 1984 - ALDGATE, EAST LONDON.

ALF activists squirted superglue into the locks of three fur shops in the Aldgate area and posters were pasted on to the windows. A spokeswoman said it is one of a number of protests planned for the East End to draw attention to the "brutal fur trade".

24 FEBRUARY 1984 - HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE.

A local terrier man, who derives his pleasure from digging up foxes to be killed by the local hunt, was paid a visit by ALF activists. Whilst Mr. Jackie Brown attended the Bramham Moor Hunt Ball, Harrogate all four tyres on his van were slashed whilst it was parked outside. At the same time other members of the group broke into his house and destroyed medals which he had won at terrier shows and stole hunting equipment including badger tongs and a gin trap - both actions carried out as a protest against his cruel activities.

26 FEBRUARY 1984 - AHRENSBURG, Nr. HAMBURG, WEST GERMANY

A dozen Animal Rights activists broke into an animal breeding farm Near Hamburg, West Germany and rescued 550 guinea pigs. Files were also taken from the farm and further actions were planned for the future.

In a statement issued later to the Press, the group calling itself the "Autonomous Animal Protectors - Deutschland" said that they had carried out the action "to protest at the unscrupulous business in defenceless animals" which were "tortured to death in senseless, useless but profit-making experiments". They were "declaring war on a powerful mafia of professional animal torturers" and "the fight would be stepped up in the future unless the lawmakers put an end to this profit-based torture".

28 FEBRUARY 1984 - CRANBROOK, KENT

ALF activists attacked and damaged eight lorries belonging to 'Fridays' poultry farm, Swattenden Lane, Cranbrook. The lorries were also sprayed with slogans. Several chickens were taken from their cramped cages in protest against the cruelties of factory farming and are now in good homes in free range conditions.

28 FEBRUARY 1984 - GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

ALF activists made attacks on several shops profiting from animal abuse in Glasgow city centre. Five shops were sprayed with paint, had windows broken and the locks glued. They included: Alex Martin's - a bloodsports shop, Alex Jackson and C. & V. - fur shops, Thomas Hayes - pet shop and Wishaw's - fish and poulterers.

Unfortunately at the last shop, Alex Jackson's, the two activists were arrested by two uniformed officers. They had catapaults, glue and paint in their pockets and were charged with painting the walls and window of the shop and carrying offensive weapons (the catapaults).

They were then taken to a police station and held in custody until Thursday when they were moved to cells beneath Glasgow's Sheriff Court.

During the early morning of Wednesday 29th they were further charged with four acts of vandalism to the other shops previously mentioned. When they appeared in court on Thursday 1 March, they plead guilty to five charges of vandalism, the offensive weapon charge having been dropped.

Both activists were granted legal aid and sentence was deferred for three months when police reports will be made regarding the behaviour of the two during the interim period. There is no doubt however that fines and costs will be imposed. Any donations towards this should be sent to the ALF Supporters Group.

EARLY MARCH 1984 - WIRRAL, MERSEYSIDE

ALF activists, in a protest against the cruelties of the meat trade, smashed the plate glass windows of five butchers shops in a week of action in Merseyside.

A butcher in the New Brighton area, a mass murderer of animals for 11 years, had to replace a £300 window and the ALF group responsible have promised further attacks if he didn't stop buying and selling meat.

1 MARCH 1984 - MERSEYSIDE

ALF activists, Liverpool 'B' group, carried out a dawn raid on a Merseyside factory farm. The intensive rearing unit in Brewery Lane, Formby was broken into and 16 chickens were rescued. Slogans were also sprayed on farm buildings. A spokesman said: "These are broiler chickens force-fed for the table and we intend to step up our campaign". The chickens had now been found good homes.

2 MARCH 1984 - COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE

Two Animal Rights campaigners appeared at Coleshill Magistrates Court charged with causing almost £6,000 worth of damage to fox pens, vehicles and equipment at the notorious Cocksparrow Farm at Lea Marston. The charges arose as a result of an ALF raid on the farm on 6 January 1984 when extensive damage was caused and over 20 Arctic foxes were rescued from their cramped cages. The foxes at the farm are kept in appalling conditions for eventual slaughter for the fur trade.

The two activists, Andrew Horbury and Mandy Barratt who both come from Sheffield, were remanded on bail to appear at Court at Atherstone on 14 May.

Any donations towards their legal costs should be sent to the ALF Supporters Group.

3 MARCH 1984 - CHIGWELL, ESSEX

ALF activists caused £12,000 worth of damage at the luxury home of Clive Bourne, a businessman, who is a Director of a Company which is involved in the transport of dogs to Nigeria where they are kept in appalling conditions for use as guard dogs.

Bourne awoke the next morning to find the walls of his palatial home daubed with "Blood money" and "ALF" and paint stripper poured over his Rolls Royce and Jaguar cars. Locks on his house and cars had also been jammed with superglue.

In a call to the Press Association, an ALF representative stated that Bourne's firm, Seabourne Limited, based at Manston, Kent was involved in the evil trade in exporting dogs to Nigeria which had been exposed in the News of the World newspaper nine months ago.

The raid conincided with a demo by animal rights campaigners to 10 Downing Street and the Nigerian High Commission in London. The 400 protestors cheered when told of the damage. Animal Rights spokesman Philip Griffin said: "I don't condone it, but if this can stop the dogs going out to Africa, I'll be happy".

4 MARCH 1984 - ROMFORD, ESSEX

In the early hours of the morning, ALF activists smashed the windscreen and daubed anti-hunting slogans and poured brake fluid onto a van belonging to the Essex Hunt terrier man. The group responsible claimed that this was the start of an anti-hunting campaign by the ALF.

As well as being involved in the obnoxious practice of digging up foxes for the hunt to kill, this terrier man is strongly suspected of having connections with badger baiting. The Essex Hunt themselves are notorious for their blatently cruel practice of throwing foxes to the hounds during the hunt.

This is the second attack that the ALF has carried out on this terrier man's van; it first occurred on the 8 February when the windscreen was smashed.

6 MARCH 1984 - SUMMERFORD, Nr. CONGLETON, CHESHIRE

ALF activists were responsible for an attack on the Summerford Bank Farm, in the village of Summerford, Near Congleton, Cheshire. The raid took place as a protest against the broiler units at the farm and were covered in anti-farm and ALF slogans. In separate attacks on the same evening, the Cheshire Forest Hunt Point-to-Point signs were sprayed with paint or destroyed and was the second action carried out against them within a week, & Sunderland Farm Battery Unit, Altringham, Cheshire was the scene of an attack by the ALF when anti-factory farming slogans and ALF was sprayed over the battery units together with similar slogans and locks glued of cars parked at the farm.

8 MARCH 1984 - UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX

In a raid against painful experiments, ALF activists attacked an office at the admin department of the School of Biological Sciences at Brunel University. Two windows were smashed and paint and stink bombs thrown in. The attack took place as a result of the experiments carried out there eg cancer research which involves inducing cancerous growths in animals, stress experiments on fish and the use of many other animals in painful research including rabbits, chickens and rodents.

9 MARCH 1984 - UP HATHERLEY, Nr. GLOUCESTER, GLOS.

Two battery hen units were attacked by ALF activists who daubed slogans and damaged a delivery lorry. At Golden Yolk Farm, which houses 37,000 hens, the lorry had a tyre slashed and 'Factory Farmers Out' and 'ALF' were sprayed on the vehicle and walls of the farm buildings.

10 MARCH 1984 - RAMSGATE, KENT

Animal Rights activists attacked a lorry belonging to the Thanet Meat Company by stuffing the driver's lock with putty and tampering with the diesel fuel tank. In a statement to the local paper, Mr. Winston Berry a partner in the firm said, "Because of the substance put into the tank, we had to unload and hire another vehicle, and of course meat deteriorates. It caused us a lot of inconvenience and cost us a lot of money".

11 MARCH 1984 - ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX

ALF activists attacked a fur shop for the third time in three months. The windows of R. Collins Furriers in Chase Side, Enfield were sprayed with paint slogans and the locks were jammed with superglue. The attack followed a demonstration outside the shop during the previous day and necessitated locksmiths spending hours fixing the doors.

11 MARCH 1984 - ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE

ALF activists attacked six butchers shops in protest against the meat trade. The words "Killers" and "Dealers in Murder" were daubed across the shop fronts with red and black paint.

12 MARCH 1984 - BATTLESBRIDGE, ESSEX

ALF activists raided Tuck & Son Ltd, an establishment which breeds mice, rats and guinea pigs for use in vivisection laboratories. The raiders waited until the security guard had left the premises and then broke into the building and resuced over 100 guinea pigs, many of them pregnant which were then taken to good homes.

MID-MARCH 1984 - RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE

ALF activists entered the Ringwood cattle market compound and set fire to cages to draw public attention to the fact that guinea pigs, rabbits, chickens and kid goats are also sold in the market for slaughter and profit. The ALF group responsible stated that this was the start of a campaign at the market.

MID-MARCH 1984 - STAMBRIDGE, ESSEX

ALF activists attacked the premises of Fascenda Chickens Limited at Stambridge Road, Stambridge. Three sheds were broken into and £100 damage was caused to equipment.

18 MARCH 1984 - CAMDEN, NORTH LONDON

ALF activists glued up several locks on the main door and the gate to the yard of J.C. Wetters Ltd, a firm which supplies sausage-making machines and other equipment connected with the meat trade.

18 MARCH 1984 - HOLLOWAY, NORTH LONDON

ALF activists glued up the lock of a butcher shop, L.G. Bremner in the Holloway Road. This is the second ALF attack on these premises; in December 1983 one of the windows was broken.

18 MARCH 1984 - GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

In a protest against the annual harp seal slaughter in Canada, ALF activists attacked the Canadian Consulate in Glasgow's city centre. Walls and windows and a marble step were daubed with red paint, slogans included 'Let the seals live', 'Canada kills baby seals', 'Stop the bloody slaughter' and 'ALF'. The Air Canada Travel Agency also had its locks glued and red paint poured on the window. This group will continue its attacks until Canada calls a halt to this annual butchery.

18 MARCH 1984 - LINCOLN

ALF activists were responsible for an attack on the Skin & Hide shop which sells fur and leather items. Locks were filled with glue and paint sprayed through the letter box causing considerable damage to the interior of the shop. The opening of the shop the following day was considerably delayed because of the action.

19 MARCH 1984 - MERSEYSIDE

ALF activists raided a poultry farm and rescued 20 chickens. The animals are now in good homes and further attacks are planned.

20 MARCH 1984 - CAMBERWELL, SOUTH LONDON

ALF activists carried out a raid at the Institute of Psychiatry at Denmark Hill, Camberwell, South London. 40 rats were rescued and computers and laboratory equipment smashed. Damage was estimated by one national newspaper as being £50,000. The attack took place in protest at the horrific experiments which take place at this animal torture centre, eg inducing fits in rats, mice and monkeys by loud noises and flashing lights and performing operations on baboons to cause brain damage. In a statement to the Press, the Institute said that as a result of the raid, their research would be impaired for several weeks. The rats are now in good homes.

20 MARCH 1984 - EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

ALF activists in Edinburgh continued their campaign against animal abusers; three butcher shops and a fishmonger/poulterer were attacked and their windows were broken.

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